received by the Union Government during the last three years upto 30th June, 1992;

(b) the number of proposals approved, rejected and still pending indicating the reasons for rejection of each proposal;

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to further boost tourism both in the summer and winter seasons in Rajasthan under the National Action Plan; and

(d) whether the ceiling for expenditure in case of hotels from Rs. 1,200 is likely to be removed by Government, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Central Government received from the Government of Rajasthan 9 projects during 1989-90, 18 projects during 1990-91 and 20 projects during 1991-92 for central financial assistance.

(b) All the projects were approved except one received during 1991-92 due to late receipt. No proopsal from Rajasthan is pending with the Central Department of Tourism.

(c) Under the National Action Plan for Tourism, Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner circuit has been identified for intensive development.

(d) For the purpose of levying expenditure tax, floor ceiling of hotel room tariff has been revised from Rs. 400 to 1200, w.e.f. 1-6-1992.

Visit of Tourists to West Bengal

3633. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the numbers of tourists that visited West Bengal during the last three years; and

(b) what amount of money in the form of foreign exchange was earned during this period by the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) As per the information available from the State Government, the number of tourists who visited West Bengal during 1989, 1990 and 1991 were 23,38,502, 31,61,041, and 31,08,712 (estimated) respectively.

(b) The Foreign exchange earnings from tourism are not worked out state-wise.

Income from flights to Bagdogra

3634. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of income earned by the Indian Airlines through its flights from Delhi to Bagdogra and from Calcutta to Bagdogra and vice-versa during the last five years; and

(b) whether the Indian Airlines earned profit or suffered loss with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Revenue earned by Indian Airlines on operation of services between Delhi/Calcutta and Bagdogra is not compiled separately. However, the revenue earnings and cash surplus/loss on operation of services through Bagdogra during S a:(fffeff- HS years are as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91 (Provisional)	1991-92
Traffic/Revenue	15·07	15·17	13·71	20·08	16·78
Surplus/(Loss)	3·78	3·86	3·31	5·61	(1·31)